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Remarks/Arguments:

The Abstract has been objected to. The Abstract has been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The title of the invention was found to be non-descriptive. The title has been corrected.

Claims 1-4, 10-11, 14-16 and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dwelley (U.S. 6,166,527). Claims 5-9, 12-13, 17-21 and 25-29 were rejected but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 2 and 5 and claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

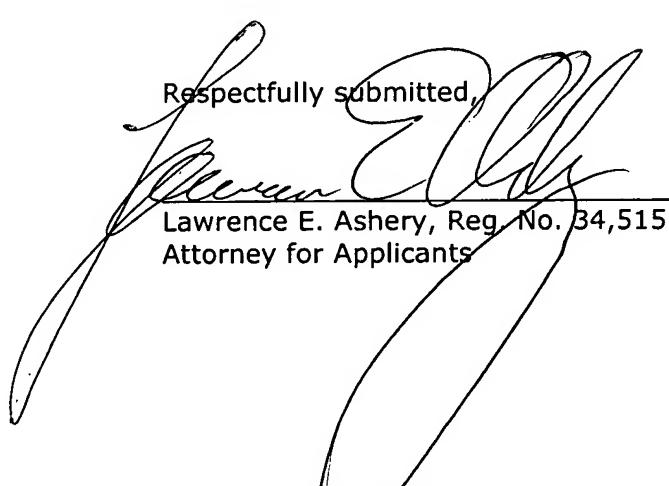
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